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SUBJECT: SOVIET WEAPONS PROVIDED TO PDRY

REFERENCE: SANA 1201

1. FOLLOWING IS CURRENT INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY ESTIMATE OF SOVIET WEAPONS PROVIDED TO PDRY. IT IS FOR EMBASSY INFORMATION ONLY.

2. THE USSR CONTINUES TO BE THE PRINCIPAL ARMS SUPPLIER OF THE ADEN REGIME, AND HAS DELIVERED ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT SINCE LAST SUMMER. WE DO NOT HAVE ACCURATE ESTIMATES OF THE TYPES AND QUANTITY OF THE NEW EQUIPMENT. CHANGES IN OUR ESTIMATES OF LAST AUGUST REFLECT OUR REAPPRAISAL OF EXISTING INVENTORIES AND NOT NECESSARILY THE ARRIVAL OF NEW EQUIPMENT. CURRENT ESTIMATES OF MAJOR EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED BY THE SOVIETS FOLLOW:

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2 SUB CHASERS

2 TORPEDO BOATS
2 PATROL BOATS
1 UTILITY LANDING CRAFT

3 MECHANIZED LANDING CRAFT
2 MECHANIZED LANDING SHIP

AIR FORCE

MIG 15/MIG 17	MORE THAN 20
MIG 21	MORE THAN 20
IL-28	" 8
TRANSPORTS	" 8
HELICOPTERS	" 12

ARMY

APC	MORE THAN 110
TANKS	MORE THAN 250
MOTOR VEHICLES	OVER 800

ARTILLERY

AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY	ABOUT 90
UNDER 100 MM	ABOUT 70
OVER 100 MM	MORE THAN 50

3. THERE ARE REPORTEDLY MORE THAN 200 SOVIET MILITARY ADVISORS THROUGHOUT THE PDRY COMMAND STRUCTURE. MORE THAN 500 PDRY MILITARY PERSONNEL HAVE GONE TO THE SOVIET UNION FOR TRAININGS AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER.

4. SHOULD EMBASSY DESIRE FURTHER INFORMATION, DAO SHOULD REQUEST FROM DIA. KISSINGER

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